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#### ANNIVERSARY OF LANDING OF PILGRIMS.

Today 294 years ago one of the most important events in the history of the world took place, the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. Whether the early settlers in Virginia would have been able to maintain the settlement of America already begun by them is a mooted question at any rate no other little boat load of people ever accomplished more or added more to the history of civilization.

The story of the Mayflower grows larger and larger with the receding years. The world is realizing more and more the power of the non-conformist conscience in shaping the destinies of a great Republic. Republics rest upon the integrity and strength of the individual and no force has yet been discovered of more value in the upbuilding of character than the belief in a God. The free thinker may call religion a superstition the utilitarian in morals may call it a sentiment, but by what ever name you may designate it, there remains the solid facts of history, which after all is only the record events in the lives of individuals, prove that no other power has added as much to the peace and security of the world or its happiness. Overturn any one of the great bodies of religious thought, it does not matter how outgrown its principles may seem to be, and inevitably the police power would have to be increased a hundred fold in any section where the followers of this religion resided.

Like many other historic events, there was much of the element of chance in the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. When persecuted in England, they fled to Holland and there at Leyden lived for 10 years and increased to a thousand persons.

But in spite of the friendly attitude of the Dutch, Holland was not an ideal atmosphere for the cultivation of the principles which they considered fundamental. It was too near the centres of princely power to give assurance of long freedom from interference and the constant unconscious influence of the institutions militated against the rapid increase of adherents. And so their hearts turned to the New World with all its endless possibilities. Holland being a maritime country they had learned much of the conditions of other parts of the world and there was much discussion as to what part of the country they should immigrate.

Many favored Guiana, "whose rich feet were mines of gold and whose forehead knocked against the roof of the stars" to quote an old description of that country. Others desired to come to Virginia where they could be among their own people. After a tedious journey with many trials, rivaling the fabled journeys of the Argonauts, except the perils that the Pilgrims passed through were real, they landed on Dec. 22, 1620 on Virginia soil which turned out to be Massachusetts.

It would have been impossible to have pictured a drearier Christmas than the Pilgrims were forced to spend but their sorrows endured but a short time for when May came and the Mayflower returned home, not one of them went with her. So much for the sticking qualities of our New England forefathers, whose strain of stalwart morality rock-ribbed by puritanism, mingling with the blood of the Cavaliers, and grace of new people whom we call menem adventurers has founded a Americans.

THOUGHTFUL SANTA CLAUS.

A cartoon in a cotemporary today represented the welcome elf of

our Christmas joys engaged in slipping a hot marked "cheaper coal" into the stocking of a housekeeper. The papers also tell us that a cheaper Christmas can be procured at less than it has cost during the past few years.

But while these assertions may prove realities, the fact that so many breadwinners are at present out of work is sure to send a chill into many households notwithstanding some of the necessities of life may show a weakening.

Forty years ago this country was staggering under one of its most serious and prolonged periods of depression. At that time prices for everything were low, but to those who were deprived of employment, and consequently out of money, the reduced prices did not render their condition any better. It is so now with many.

As usual during the winter of our discontent, we look forward to spring for improved conditions, but, according to the almanac, winter begins today, and a long and dismal period is to follow before the harbingers of awakening nature shall have been heard.

#### IS AUSTRIA TIRED OF WAR?

Notwithstanding the strict censorship exercised by the Austrian government little items occasionally flitter through which are suggestive it is acknowledged everywhere that the Emperor Francis Joseph's ultimatum to Serbia, the firebrand which has brought on the terrible conditions now existing in Europe, was instigated by Germany, and that Berlin decrees have for some time been heeded in Vienna.

It is apparent that the feeling which should exist at present between German and Austrian officers, as allies is not in evidence, as the Austrians imagine they are being sacrificed by the Kaiser's leaders in the war now in progress in East Prussia.

A dispatch from a prominent neutral diplomat in Vienna to his Government of which officials in Washington have learned, states that leading financial and commercial men in Austria are urging the making of peace.

The diplomat, in a cipher telegram, confirms recent press reports from Rome of the dissatisfaction which the Austrian populace feels at the lack of success of its army, and states, moreover, that indignation has been stirred up among all classes because of the recent reverses suffered at the hands of Serbia. The Austrian Government, he adds, through a strict censorship of the press has withheld details of these defeats from an anxious public.

Another phase of the situation said to be disquieting to the Austrian Government is the reports from the Czech part of Bohemia and Hungary to the effect that sympathy with the war is rapidly diminishing there.

The same diplomat's telegram states that reports are persistent in well informed circles in Vienna that Italy will declare war against Austria about New Year's day.

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WALTER ROBERTS, President.

#### NOTICE

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
Alexandria, Va.  
December 11th, 1914.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, at eleven o'clock A. M., for the election of directors, and such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.

#### Citizens' National Bank

Alexandria, Va.  
December 12, 1914.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the Election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday January 12th 1915, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 P. M.

RICHARD M. GREEN, cashier.

#### NOTICE.

A called meeting of Seminoles Tribe, No. 35. Improved Order of Red Men, will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall, on north Columbus street, on Thursday, December 17, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Officers will be elected at this time. All members are requested to be present. This meeting will take place of the regular meeting December 24.

By Order of the Sachem.  
George K. Bender, Chief of Records.

Norfolk Oysters Daily at the Hotel Rammel.

#### STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 12th, 1915, at 10 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, President.  
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 12th, 1915, at 10:30 A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, President.  
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 123 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Va., January 12th 1915, at 11 o'clock A. M.

A. M. McLACHLEN, President.  
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.

#### WOMEN'S EXCHANGE

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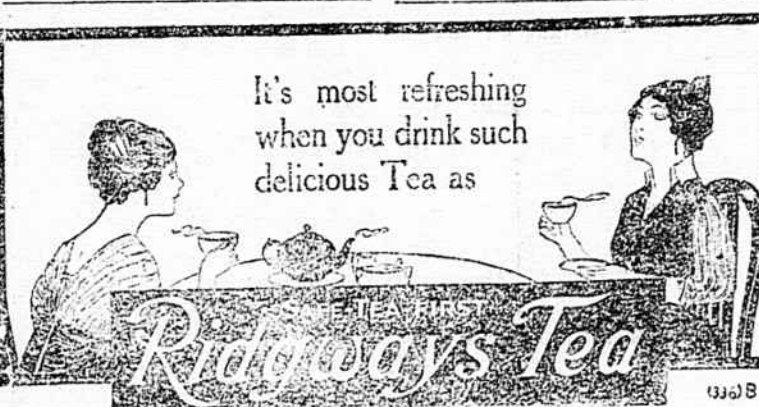
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By virtue of and pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated January 2nd, A. D. 1906, executed by the Washington Florists Company, a corporation, to Cuthbert W. Ridley and Charles E. Diggs, trustees, and of record in Liber G, No. 7, Page 476, of the land records of Fairfax County State of Virginia, and on default of the payment of the interest in the debt thereby secured and by request of J. Louis Looe, the holder of the bonds thereby secured, the undersigned surviving trustee will on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, A. D. 1914 at eleven o'clock A. M. in front of the premises in Fairfax County, State of Virginia, offer for sale at public auction the following property described in the deed of trust as follows:

"Situated in the city of Alexandria Fairfax County and Mt. Vernon District and State of Virginia, and distinguished as beginning at the south west corner of Patrick Street and Jefferson Street extended to Grill-bortzer line then Southerly along said line to Green Street extended then Westerly along said Green Street extended to Charles Churchman's line then Southerly along said line to Hunting Creek then along the shores of said Hunting Creek in a Southeasterly direction to the intersection of said shores with the Mt. Vernon Road; then in a northeasterly direction along said Mount Vernon road to its intersection with south Patrick Street extended at or near Green Street extended, crossing there along the westerly side of Patrick street extended; to the southwest corner of Jefferson street extended, except that it does not convey the following described parcels of land which are included in the above description, to wit, one parcel of land beginning at the corner of Potril Street extended and Jefferson Street extended and running twenty feet of Patrick St extended and 100 feet an fifty feet on Jefferson Street extended, which said parcel of land was conveyed by J. Louis Looe and his wife Nellie S. Looe, to Samuel Chevalle about twenty years ago and to which the party of the first part has no title whatsoever; One parcel of land on the South West corner of Green Street extended adjoining Charles Churchman's line running twenty-five feet on said Green Street extended and one hundred and twenty five feet along Charles Churchman's line forming part of Fred Shuster estate.

The said land that is intended to be conveyed by this deed and which is accordingly conveyed is improved by fourteen green houses and one dwelling house, one barn, boiler house and other out-buildings, together with all and singular the improvements, ways, easements, right, privileges and appurtenances to the same, together with all the estate, right, title, interest and claim, either at law or equity, or otherwise however, of the party of the first part of, in, to out of the said land and premises which are herein conveyed."

Terms of Sale: A deposit of thousand dollars cash will be required when property is knocked down the purchases and the balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash in thirty days from date of sale. Conveyances at cost of purchase. Upon failure to comply with terms the purchaser shall forfeit cash deposit of one thousand dollars required.

Charles F. D. Surviving Trustee Colorado Building Washington, D. C.